

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of creating data for printing when performing page editing operation on a computer, the method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) determining if there is any part of the page, for which corresponding parts data has not been received by the time of the page editing operation, and if so, creating dummy parts data for the unreceived parts data;
  - (b) creating dummy page data by inserting the dummy parts data for the unreceived parts data in a position on the page allocated for the unreceived parts data; and
  - (c) replacing the dummy parts data when the unreceived parts data is received, with the received parts data, for creating page data for printing.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein creating dummy parts data in the step of determining includes providing first information with the dummy parts data, and the step of replacing the dummy parts data includes referring to the first information.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the first information includes data indicating a folder and a file in which the page data for printing is expected to be stored.
4. The method of Claim 2, wherein the parts data when received, also includes the first information.

5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- (a) performing a layout operation using dummy page data to create dummy plate face data; and
- (b) creating plate face data for printing by replacing the dummy page data in the dummy plate face data when page data is available from the step of replacing dummy parts data.

6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of creating dummy page data, includes providing second information with the dummy page data, and the step of creating plate face data includes referring to the second information.

7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the second information includes data indicating a file and a page number in which the dummy page data is stored.

8. The method of Claim 6, wherein the page data for printing, also includes the second information.

9. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of inputting an instruction to determine if there is any part of the page for which corresponding parts data has not been received.

10. The method of Claim 9, further comprising the step of terminating processing if the instruction has not been inputted.

11. A system for creating printing data during page editing and layout, the system comprising a data processing arrangement having program logic, the program logic including:

- (a) a first logic portion, which creates dummy parts data for unreceived parts data of a page;
- (b) a second logic portion, which creates dummy page data by inserting the dummy parts data for the unreceived parts data in a position on the page allocated for the unreceived parts data; and
- (c) a third logic portion, which replaces the dummy parts data when the unreceived parts data is received, with the received parts data, for creating page data for printing.

12. The system of Claim 11, wherein the dummy parts data includes first information, and the third logic portion replaces the dummy parts data by referring to the first information.

13. The system of Claim 12, wherein the first information includes data indicating a folder and a file in the data processing arrangement, in which the page data for printing is expected to be stored.

14. The system of Claim 12, wherein the parts data when received, also includes the first information.

15. The system of Claim 11, wherein the program logic further includes a layout logic portion, which creates dummy plate face data using dummy page data, and a fourth logic portion which replaces the dummy page data in the dummy plate face data when page data becomes available.

16. The system of Claim 15, wherein the dummy page data includes second information, and the fourth logic portion replaces the dummy page data by referring to the second information.

17. The system of Claim 16, wherein the second information includes data indicating a file and a page number in which the dummy page data is stored.

18. The device of Claim 16, wherein the page data for printing, also includes the second information.

19. The system of Claim 11, wherein an instruction initiates a determination in the program logic as to whether to create dummy parts data.

20. The system of Claim 19, wherein if the instruction is not received, logic execution terminates.

21. A system for creating printing data during page editing and layout, the system comprising a data processing arrangement having program logic, the program logic including:

(a) a logic portion, which creates dummy parts data having link information for unreceived parts data, with the link information linking the dummy parts data with a storage location in the data processing arrangement, and inserts the dummy parts data in a position on the page allocated for the unreceived parts data; and

(b) another logic portion, which operates in background monitoring the storage location in the data processing arrangement, and when parts data is stored at the storage location, said another logic portion replaces the dummy parts data with the parts data in accordance with the link information.